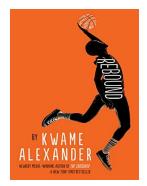
# 2019-2020 Texas Bluebonnet Award Reading List

Annual award list of 20 recommended titles for youth in grades 3-6 and selected by a committee comprised of librarians, teachers, parents, and students.

#### **BOOK COVER**

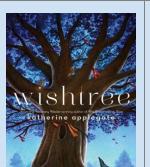
# TITLE, CALL NUMBER & BRIEF DESCRIPTION



#### REBOUND

Author: Alexander, Kwame
Call Number: J ALEXANDER

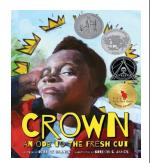
Before Josh and Jordan Bell were streaking up and down the court, their father was learning his own moves. In this prequel to Newbery Medal winner The Crossover, Chuck Bell takes center stage, as readers get a glimpse of his childhood and how he became the jazz music worshiping, basketball star his sons look up to.



## **WISHTREE**

Author: Applegate, Katherine Call Number: J APPLEGATE

An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.



#### CROWN: AN ODE TO A FRESH CUT

Author: Barnes, Derrick Call Number: E BARNES

Celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly-cut hair.



## ME, FRIDA, AND THE SECRET OF THE PEACOCK RING

Author: Cervantes, Angela Call Number: J CERVANTES

When Lizzie and Gael share an irresistible challenge, to find the peacock ring that once belonged to artist Frida Kahlo, Paloma decides it is the perfect way to honor her father.



# **GAME CHANGERS: THE STORY OF VENUS AND SERENA WILLIAMS**

Author: Cline-Ransom, E. Lesa

Call Number: J 920 CLI

Shares the story of the sisters and tennis stars, including their special relationship as sisters and best friends, their constant training as children, and their incredible success in professional tennis.



## **SHADOW WEAVER**

Author: Connolly, Marcykate Call Number: J CONNOLLY

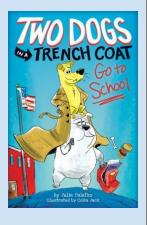
12-year-old Emmeline possesses the unique ability to manipulate shadows. When her magical powers are threatened by a noble family, she desperately turns to Dar, her shadow friend, who offers to save her if Emmeline makes Dar flesh again, but this bargain only puts Emmeline's life in further jeopardy.



## **SAVING WINSLOW**

Author: Creech, Sharon Call Number: J CREECH

When his father brings home an ailing, newborn donkey, Louie names the animal Winslow and takes care of him, but everyone, including Louie's quirky friend Nora, thinks Winslow is not going to survive.



## TWO DOGS IN A TRENCH COAT GO TO SCHOOL

Author: Falatko, Julie Call Number: J FALATKO

Sassy and Waldo are good dogs. Sassy and Waldo spend their day keeping the house safe. Has a squirrel ever gotten inside? No! But every day their boy, Stewart, leaves for a scary place: School! Sassy and Waldo need to save Stewart. But they don't let dogs into school. Not even the really good ones. Sassy and Waldo put on a trench coat. Now everyone at Bea Arthur Elementary thinks they are a new student. Everyone except Stewart.

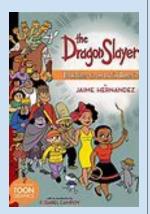


#### THE MAGIC MISFITS

**Author: Harris, Neil Patrick & Alex Azam** 

Call Number: J HARRIS

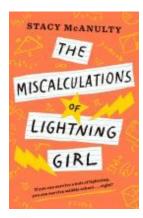
When street magician Carter runs away, he never expects to find friends and magic in the small, sleepy hamlet of Mineral Wells. But the circus has come to town and, like any good trick, things change instantly as greedy B.B. Bosso and his crew of crooked carnies arrive to steal anything and everything they can get their sticky fingers on. After a fateful encounter with Dante Vernon, the local purveyor of illusion, Carter teams up with a group of five other like-minded kids.



#### THE DRAGON SLAYER: FOLKTALES FROM LATIN AMERICA

Author: Hernandez, Jaime Call Number: J HERNANDEZ

How would a kitchen maid fare against a seven-headed dragon? What happens when a woman marries a mouse? And what can a young man learn from a thousand leaf cutter ants? The author asks these questions and more as he transforms beloved myths into bold, stunning, and utterly contemporary comics.



## THE MISCALCULATIONS OF LIGHTNING GIRL

Author: McAnulty, Stacy
Call Number: J MCANULTY

A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.



#### WATCHDOG

Author: McIntosh, Will Call Number: J MCINTOSH

Orphaned and homeless, fourteen-year-old twins Vick and Tara, who is autistic, go up against a crime lord and her four-legged robotic army, with help from their robotic dog, Daisy.

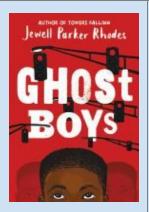


## **CAPTAIN SUPERLATIVE**

Author: Puller, J.S.

**Call Number: J PULLER** 

Janey, a quiet outsider, is inspired by the eccentric and enigmatic Captain Superlative, a masked superhero who runs through the halls of their middle school, performing radical acts of kindness.



# **GHOST BOYS**

Author: Rhodes, Jewell Parker

**Call Number: J RHODES** 

After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.



## **EL CHUPACABRAS**

Author: Rubin, Adam Call Number: E RUBIN

Farmer Hector and his daughter Carla seek help from the monstrous chupacabra when their goats become giants and threaten the town.



# THE CARDBOARD KINGDOM

Author: Sell, Chad Call Number: J SELL

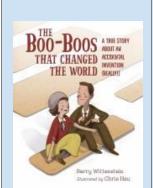
Follows the adventures of a group of neighborhood children who create costumes from cardboard and use their imagination in adventures with knights, robots, and monsters.



# THE ADVENTURES OF A GIRL CALLED BICYCLE

Author: Uss, Christina Call Number: J USS

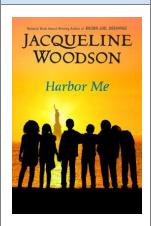
Left at the Mostly Silent Monastery as a toddler and home-schooled by a retired nun, twelve-year-old Bicycle rides cross-country to meet a famous cyclist who she hopes will be her first friend.



# THE BOO-BOOS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: A TRUE STORY ABOUT AN ACCIDENTAL INVENTION (REALLY!)

Author: Wittenstein, Barry Call Number: J 617.13 WIT

Earle Dickson and his new bride Josephine begin their lives together. The end. (Not really. There's more.) Josephine has a proclivity for injuring herself. Earle attaches cotton to long strips of adhesive tape, telling Josephine to cut off a length when she needs one. Since Earle works as a cotton buyer at Johnson & Johnson, he shares his idea. They're a big hit. The end. (Again, not really!) After a few false starts (much like the hilarious "the end"s in this story), the Band-Aid is developed and becomes a massive hit. The end. (Really.)"



# **HARBOR ME**

Author: Woodson, Jacqueline Call Number: J WOODSON

When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.